

**House State & Local Government Committee Amendment No. 2**

**Amendment No. 2 to HB3003**

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by adding the following new section immediately preceding the last section and by renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. (a) There is hereby created a special joint committee to perform a study of the size, composition and selection of boards of commissioners of utility districts.

(b) The special joint committee shall study the current provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-82-307 and consider whether a new mechanism should be created which would permit changes concerning such boards to be handled locally rather than employing the present legislative method that requires amending the general bill by introducing general bills of local application directly affecting only one utility district. As part of its study, the special joint committee should consider whether alternative legislative methods should be developed and placed in the general law as options for local action, as well as incorporating a petition method to allow the subscribers to trigger an election for a change to the board.

(c) The special joint committee shall consist of three (3) members of the House State and Local Government Committee and three (3) members of the Senate State and Local Government Committee, to be appointed by the respective speakers. The speakers shall seek to appoint members who have demonstrated interest in the issue and who will serve actively.

(d) All appropriate state departments and agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

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(e) Groups representing utility districts shall be asked to provide information, analyses, and recommendations to the special joint committee.

(f) All legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

(g) The special joint committee shall be convened by the member of the committee with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly; and at its first meeting of the year shall elect a chair and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

(h) The committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the One Hundred Third General Assembly no later than February 28, 2003, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.